

# 2004

## Wisconsin Public Hunting Grounds with

# Special Pheasant Hunting Regulations



2004 pheasant stamp art by Wiley Miller

### Important

Blaze orange required: All hunters (except waterfowl hunters) are required to meet the blaze orange clothing requirements described on page 5 during the gun deer hunting seasons. This includes:

- The regular gun and muzzleloader deer seasons.\*
- The 4-day antlerless only gun hunts (Oct. 28–Oct. 31 & Dec. 9–12) in Zone T & Earn-a-Buck (EAB) units.\*
- The October 30 one-day youth deer hunt in non-Zone T, non-EAB and non-CWD units.
- The Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) control hunts in the Disease Eradication Zone and Herd Reduction Zone (See map on page 5).\*

\*For a list of units and dates refer to pages 39–66 of the *2004 Wisconsin Deer Hunting Regulations*.



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Department of Natural Resources  
P.O. Box 7921  
Madison, WI 53707-7921

Pheasant hunting on the properties listed in this pamphlet are subject to one or both of the following rules (except those listed on page 16):

- 2 P.M. close of hunting hours, October 18 through November 3
- Hen/rooster hunting permit and tags required

This pamphlet gives you a summary of Wisconsin's pheasant hunting regulations; it is not a complete set of laws.

Visit the WDNR website at [dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov)

*Dear Pheasant Hunter:*

*We are again experiencing the effects of not receiving a hunting license fee increase in 2003. As a result, our ability to raise and release birds has been reduced and fewer public hunting grounds will be stocked, with a fewer number of birds. This year approximately 19,000 game farm pheasants, which is down from about 30,000 in 2003, will be stocked. Please note that certain properties listed in this pamphlet will not be stocked by the department in 2004 (see pages 5, 7 and 12).*

*Yet even with these reduced stocking efforts, a combination of good recruitment and habitat improvement projects, funded by pheasant stamp dollars, should provide us with some excellent hunting opportunities to look forward to this fall.*

*This pamphlet includes a description of those Public Hunting Grounds with special regulations and a list of other Public Hunting Grounds where pheasants will be released. Please read this pamphlet and be aware of which public hunting grounds have a 2 p.m. closure and/or allow hen pheasant hunting. Remember that all pheasant hunters within the Pheasant Management Zone are required to have a pheasant stamp.*

*As in the past, all pheasant hunters will need to wear at least 50% blaze orange clothing above the waist during the regular gun and muzzleloader deer seasons from November 20 through December 8 statewide. Pheasant hunters must also follow the blaze orange requirement during the October 30 Youth Deer Hunt, the special deer hunt October 28-October 31 in Zone T and Earn-a-buck (EAB) DMUs, and additionally December 9-December 12 in Zone T and EAB DMUs south of Hwy. 8. Also, be aware of special seasons within the Chronic Wasting Disease Eradication and Herd Reduction Zones (see map on page 5).*

*Additionally, now that Richard Bong Recreational Area is within the newly expanded CWD Herd Reduction Zone, extended deer hunting opportunities will be available on the property. Please remember that all pheasant hunters are required to wear blaze orange during these hunts. Contact Bong Recreational Area for more information.*

*Before, during and after the hunt, promote safe and ethical hunting among your friends, relatives and hunting partners. The future of hunting depends upon hunters. Have a safe and enjoyable hunt.*

*Andrea Mezera  
Assistant Upland Wildlife Ecologist*

## Pheasant Management Zone

**Note:** Portions of Eau Claire and Pepin Counties are now included in the pheasant management zone. See page 23 of the *2004 Wisconsin Small Game Hunting Regulations* for a map of the pheasant management zone.

## Pheasant Stamp Requirement

A pheasant stamp (\$7.25 resident and nonresident) is required to hunt pheasants in the Pheasant Management Zone, in addition to a small game or sports license. **Note:** Holders of conservation patron licenses, qualified U.S. armed forces members, senior citizen recreation card holders, and first-year Wisconsin resident hunter safety course graduates are exempt from the stamp requirement. See pages 7 & 9 in the *2004 Small Game Hunting Regulations* for more details. Pheasant stamp funds are earmarked for wild pheasant restoration projects such as wild pheasant releases and habitat development.

## Season Dates and Hunting Hours

**Season Dates:** October 16 (noon)–December 31, 2004\*

**Bag Limits:** October 16–17; 1 cock daily; possession limit 2. Remainder of season: 2 cocks daily; possession limit 4.

**Hunting Hours:** Opening Day for ALL areas: 12:00 noon to close of normal hunting hours 20 minutes after sunset.\*\* Remainder of season follows normal small game hunting hours except for 2:00 P.M. Closure Areas (see page 3). From October 18–November 3, legal hunting closes at 2:00 P.M. on these properties; normal hunting hours begin on November 3 and continue until the season ends on December 31, 2004.

\* Firearm hunting for pheasants is prohibited on November 19, the day before the nine-day gun deer season, except in the CWD Eradication Zone.

\*\* See *2004 Wisconsin Small Game Hunting Regulations* (pgs. 36–39) for small game hunting hours table.

## Why the 2:00 P.M. Pheasant Hunting Closure?

Closing a hunting area at 2:00 P.M. allows the DNR to release pheasants when they are not subject to hunting pressure. This improves stocking and distribution techniques and gives the birds more time to orient to their new surroundings. This helps provide a higher quality hunt.

## SUPPORT ETHICAL RESPONSIBLE HUNTING REPORT VIOLATIONS

**Call 1-800-8479367**

Toll Free Statewide 24-hour Confidential  
(This is not an information number.)

## 2:00 P.M. Pheasant Hunting Closure Areas

The boundaries of the following wildlife properties are posted with signs stating the 2:00 P.M. daily pheasant hunting closure time from October 18 (third day of the season)–November 3. Always check the type of signs posted; the boundaries of some areas contain private land and permission of the landowner is required before hunting.

Name	Counties
■ Allenton Wildlife Area	Washington
■ Brooklyn Wildlife Area	Dane and Green
■ C.D. "Buzz" Besadny Fish and Wildlife Area	Kewaunee
■ Dunnville Wildlife Area	Dunn
■ Eldorado Marsh Wildlife Area	Fond Du Lac
■ Goose Lake Wildlife Area	Dane
■ Grand River Wildlife Area	Green Lake and Marquette
■ Holland Wildlife Area	Brown
■ Horicon Wildlife Area	Dodge
■ Jackson Wildlife Area	Washington
■ Killsnake Wildlife Area	Calumet and Manitowoc
■ Mazomanie Unit of the Lower Wisconsin State Riverway	Dane
■ Mud Lake Wildlife Area	Dodge
■ New Munster Wildlife Area	Kenosha
■ Nichols Creek Wildlife Area	Sheboygan
■ Scuppernong	Waukesha
■ Theresa Wildlife Area	Dodge and Washington
■ Tichigan Wildlife Area	Racine
■ Vernon Wildlife Area	Waukesha
■ White River Wildlife Area	Green Lake and Marquette

## Why Hen Stocking and Hunting?

Stocking and hunting hen pheasants on certain properties increases the effective use of surplus hen chicks produced by the State Game Farm. Most game farm pheasants have been raised in captivity for many generations, and do not survive or reproduce well enough in the wild to justify rearing them for release to bolster natural reproduction.

Raising surplus hens for hunting provides additional pheasant hunting opportunities at less expense than producing more roosters.

Hen hunting properties were selected because they are located outside the wild pheasant management range. It is illegal to shoot hen pheasants anywhere else in Wisconsin, except on licensed bird hunting preserves, or under the authority of a bird dog training license. Such shooting would harm Wisconsin's wild pheasant population. Please report all illegal shooting using the toll-free hotline listed on the back of this pamphlet.

## Hen-Rooster Hunting Regulations

Applicable on Hen-Rooster areas only.

- 1) You must complete and submit a DNR application to obtain a pheasant hunting permit and tags BEFORE hunting pheasants on these listed properties. There is no charge and applications can be obtained from any DNR service center or by writing DNR, Box 7924, Madison, WI 53707.
- 2) The permit sticker (labeled "L") at the bottom of the tag package must be separated from the tags and attached to your hunting license before you hunt.
- 3) Ten carcass tags are issued with your permit and this establishes your season bag limit on hen-rooster hunting areas.
- 4) The permit and carcass tags are not transferable or replaceable, even if accidentally lost.
- 5) Immediately upon killing a pheasant, a tag must be attached to the featherless part of the pheasant's leg, between the foot and the knee joint.
- 6) Both sexes must be tagged. This minimizes the temptation to discard one bird for another because of sex, size or condition.
- 7) The daily bag limit on hen-rooster hunting areas is 1 pheasant daily on Oct. 16 and 17 and 2 pheasants daily from Oct. 18 to Dec. 31. The possession limit is twice the daily bag limit.

## Hen-Rooster Hunting Areas

The boundaries of the following areas are posted with signs which state that hunters must obtain a permit and tags before hunting pheasants. Always check the type of signs posted; the boundaries of some areas contain private land and permission of the landowner is required before hunting.

Name	County
■ Avoca Unit of the Lower Wisconsin State Riverway	Iowa
■ Boscobel Unit of the Lower Wisconsin State Riverway	Grant
■ C.D. "Buzz" Besadny Fish and Wildlife Area	Kewaunee
■ Kettle Moraine State Forest	Waukesha
■ Kickapoo Valley Reserve	Vernon
■ Pine River Public Hunting Grounds	Richland
■ Scuppernong	Waukesha
■ Tom Lawin Wildlife Area (formerly Jim Falls Wildlife Area)	Chippewa
■ Vernon Wildlife Area	Waukesha

Note: Blackhawk Lake Recreational Area is now a rooster-only property and does not require a special pheasant hunting permit or tags.

## Bong State Recreation Area Regulations

The Bong Recreation Area no longer sells licenses, so hunters should have their licenses and pheasant stamps ahead of time. Bong State Recreation Area, located in north central Kenosha County, offers hen-rooster pheasant hunting with the following requirements and rules:

1) Daily or annual vehicle admission fee:

resident	\$5.00 daily, \$20.00 annual
resident senior citizen	\$3.00 daily, \$10.00 annual
nonresident	\$10.00 daily, \$30.00 annual

2) Additional pheasant hunting fee: \$3.00 per person per day.

Hunting permit and tags are issued upon payment of fees.

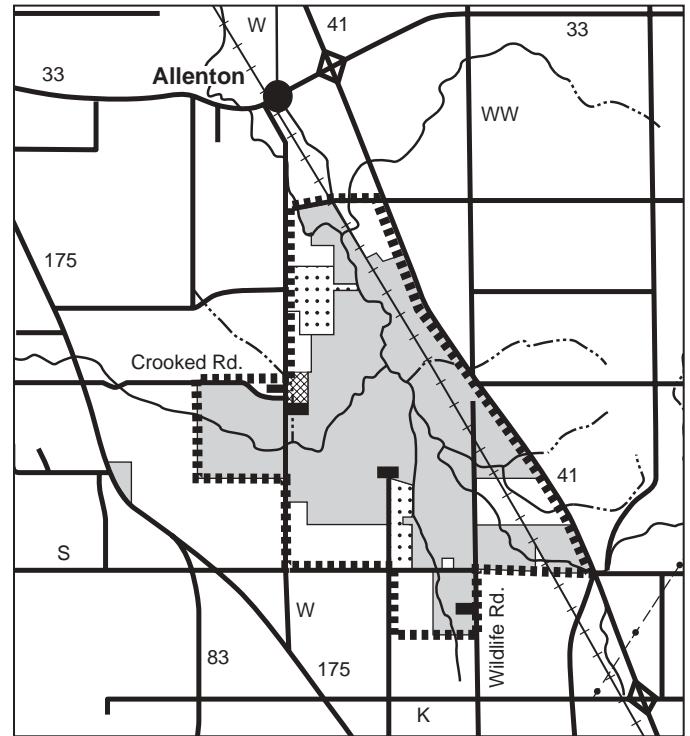
3) Pheasant hunting hours:

- October 16 – Noon to 6:30 P.M.
- October 17 – December 31–9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

4) Daily bag – one, either sex for the first 2 days; two, either sex, thereafter.

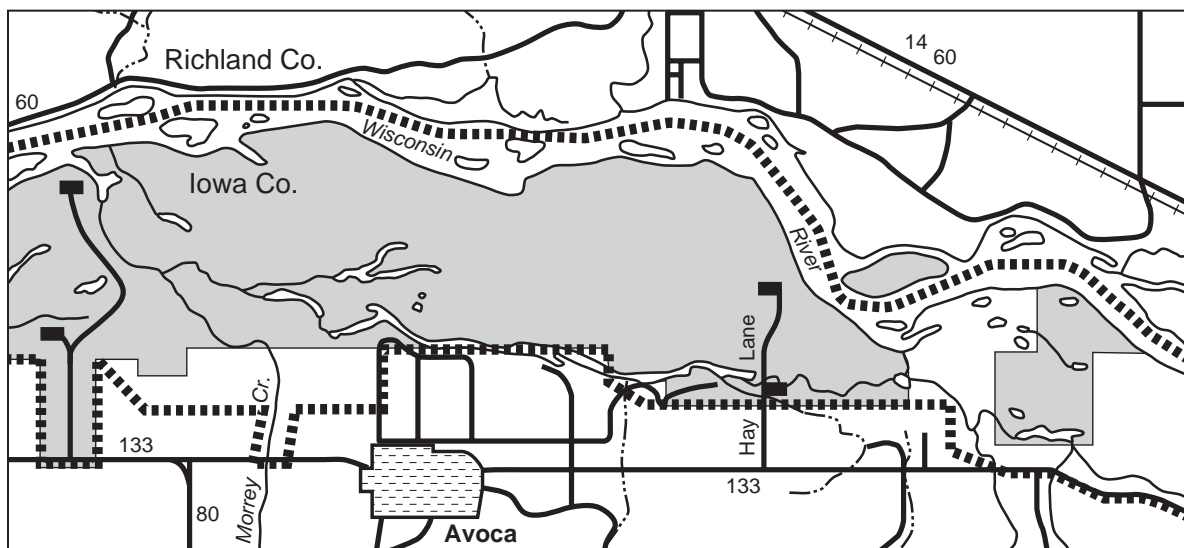
5) Possession – one (1) the first day and double the daily bag limit thereafter.

Daily hunting permits are issued as follows: During the first 2 days of the pheasant season, the number of daily hunting permits issued to hunters may not exceed 300. Beginning with the 3rd day of the pheasant season, the number of daily hunting permits issued to hunters may not exceed 300 until 11:30 am. After 11:30 am, additional hunting permits maybe issued on a first-come, first-served basis.



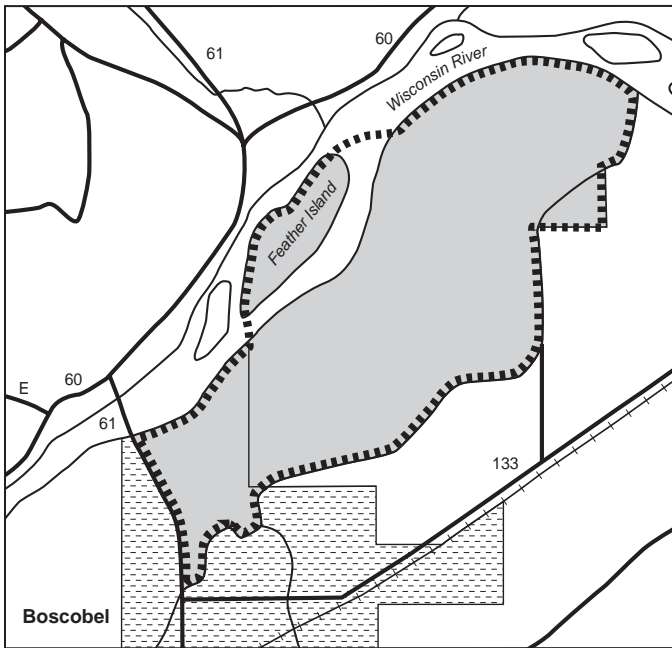
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Washington County  
*Pheasant stamp required*

(2 P.M.)



Avoca Unit: Lower Wisconsin State Riverway  
Iowa County

(Permit)



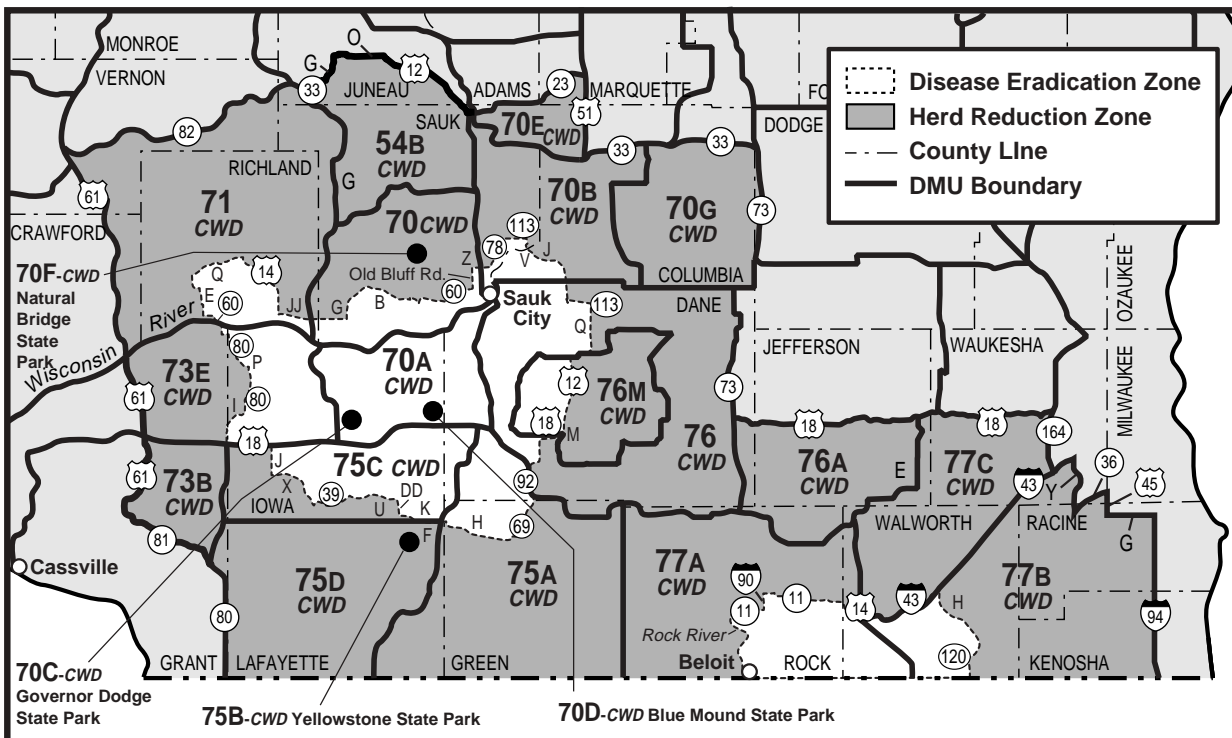
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Lower Wisconsin State Riverway  
Grant County (Permit)

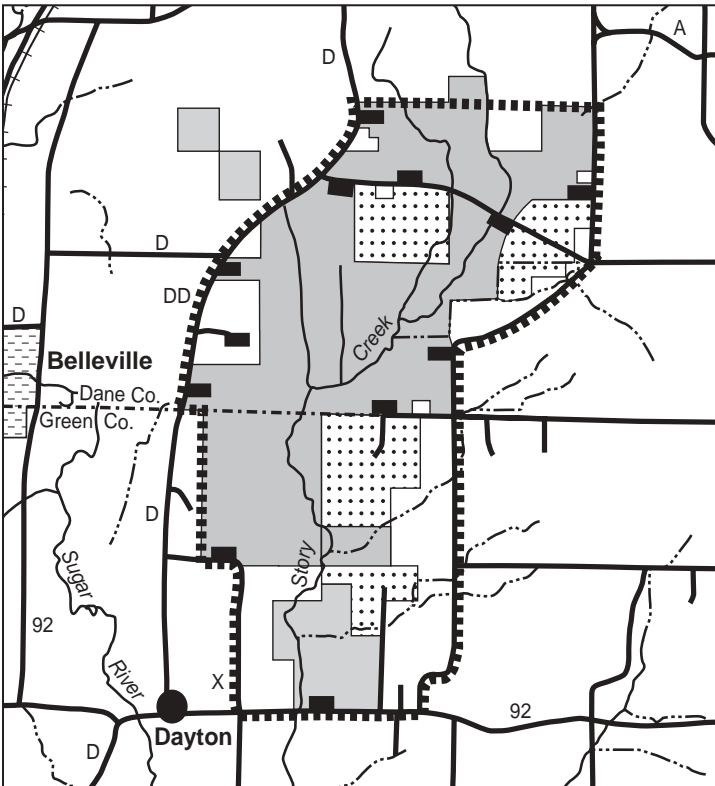
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	Leased or eased for Public Hunting
	Municipality
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(2 p.m.)	The 2 p.m. closure rule applies; no hen hunting.
(Permit)	Only hen/cock hunting by permit rule applies.
(Both)	Both the 2 p.m. closure rule <b>and</b> the hen/cock hunting by permit rule apply.

## Blaze Orange Clothing Requirements

During the nine-day firearm, Zone T, EAB, muzzle-loader deer seasons, or CWD control hunts, no person may hunt any game, except waterfowl, unless at least 50% of the person's outer clothing above the waist is colored blaze orange. A hat, if worn, must be at least 50% blaze orange. Note: Faded or stained blaze orange clothing is unsafe and may not meet law requirements. Camo-blaze is legal, but is not as visible as solid blaze clothing. 100% solid blaze orange is recommended.

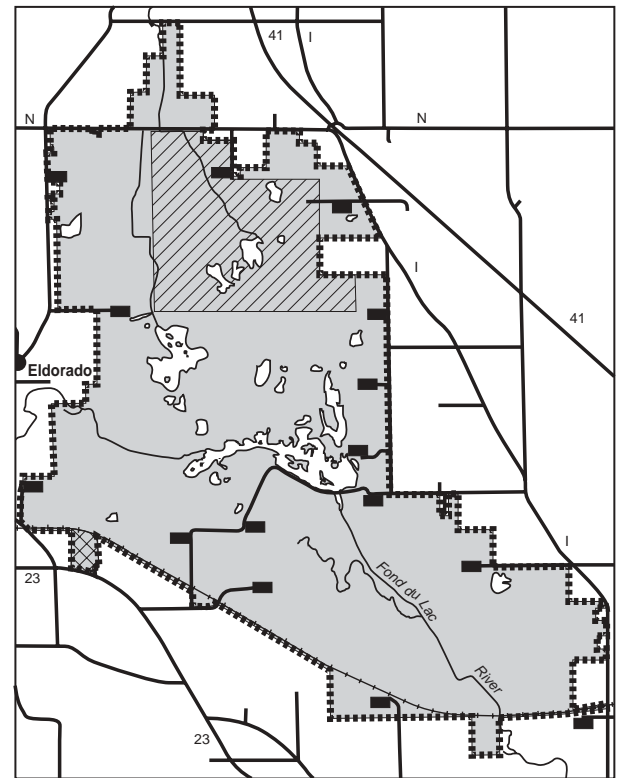
2004 CWD Zones





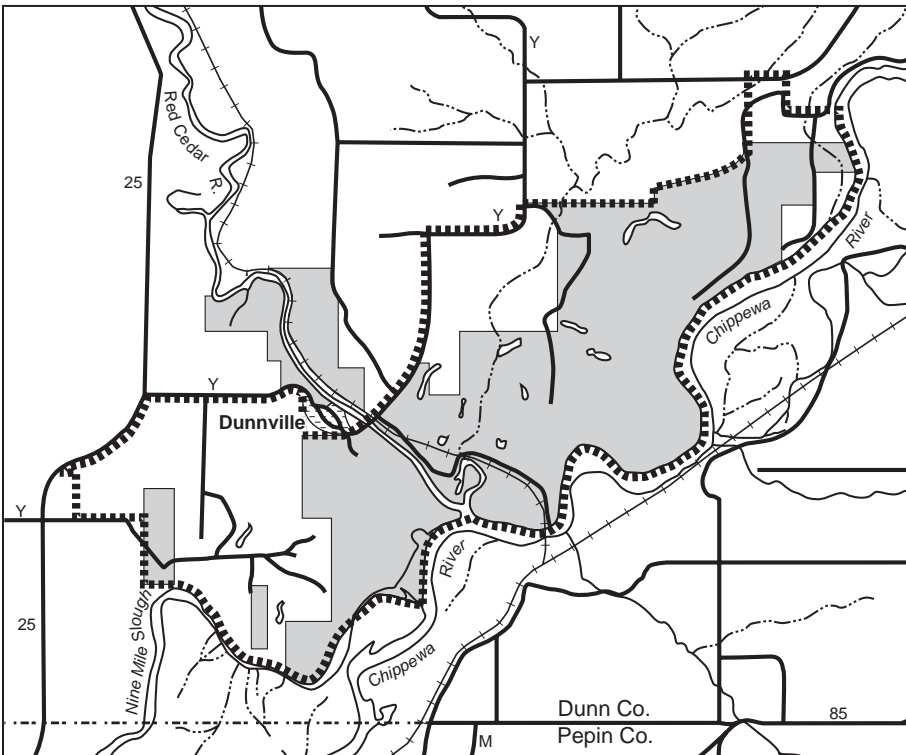
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Dane and Green Counties  
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(2 P.M.)



Eldorado Marsh Wildlife Area  
Fond du Lac County  
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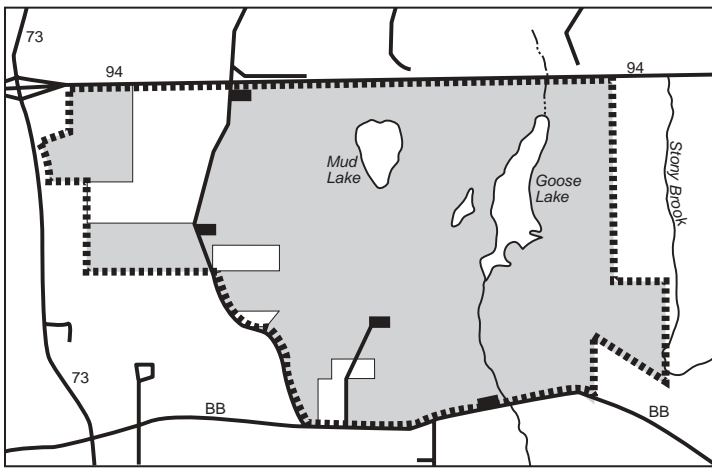
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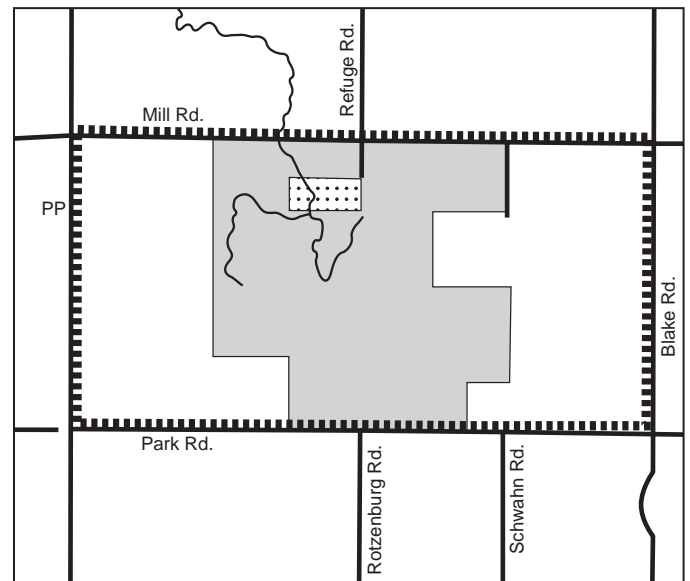
## Attention Hunters!

Be sure to get permission before entering any **private property!**



Goose Lake Wildlife Area  
Dane County  
*Pheasant stamp required*

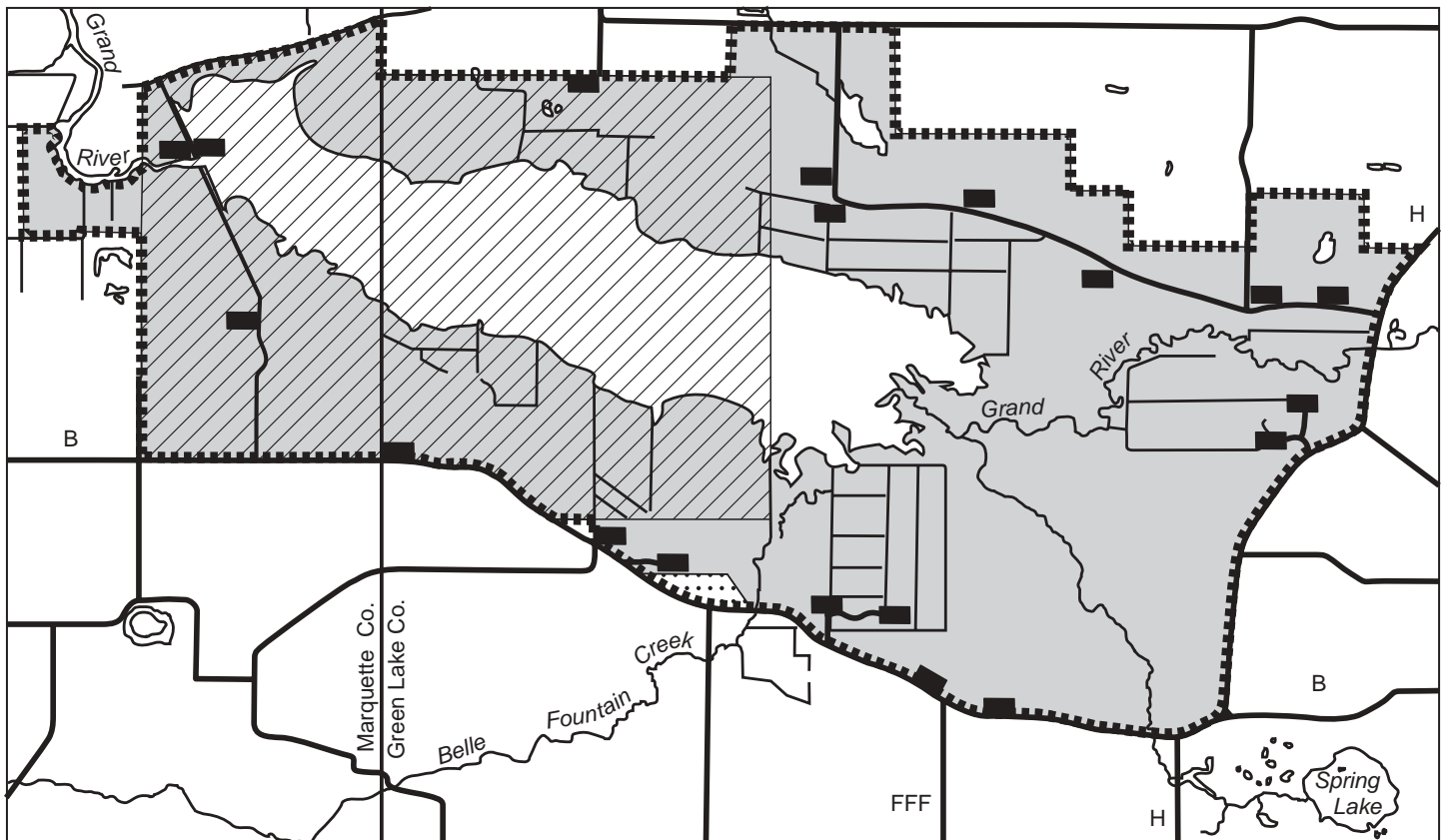
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Brown County  
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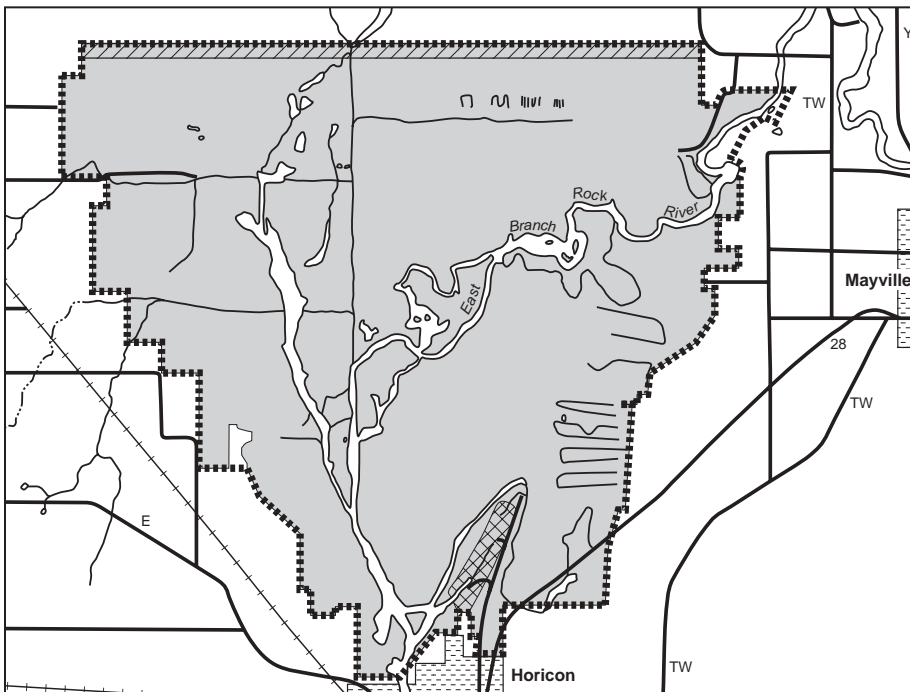
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**Note:** The department will not be stocking pheasants on this property in 2004.



Grand River Marsh Wildlife Area  
Marquette and Green Lake Counties  
*Pheasant stamp required*

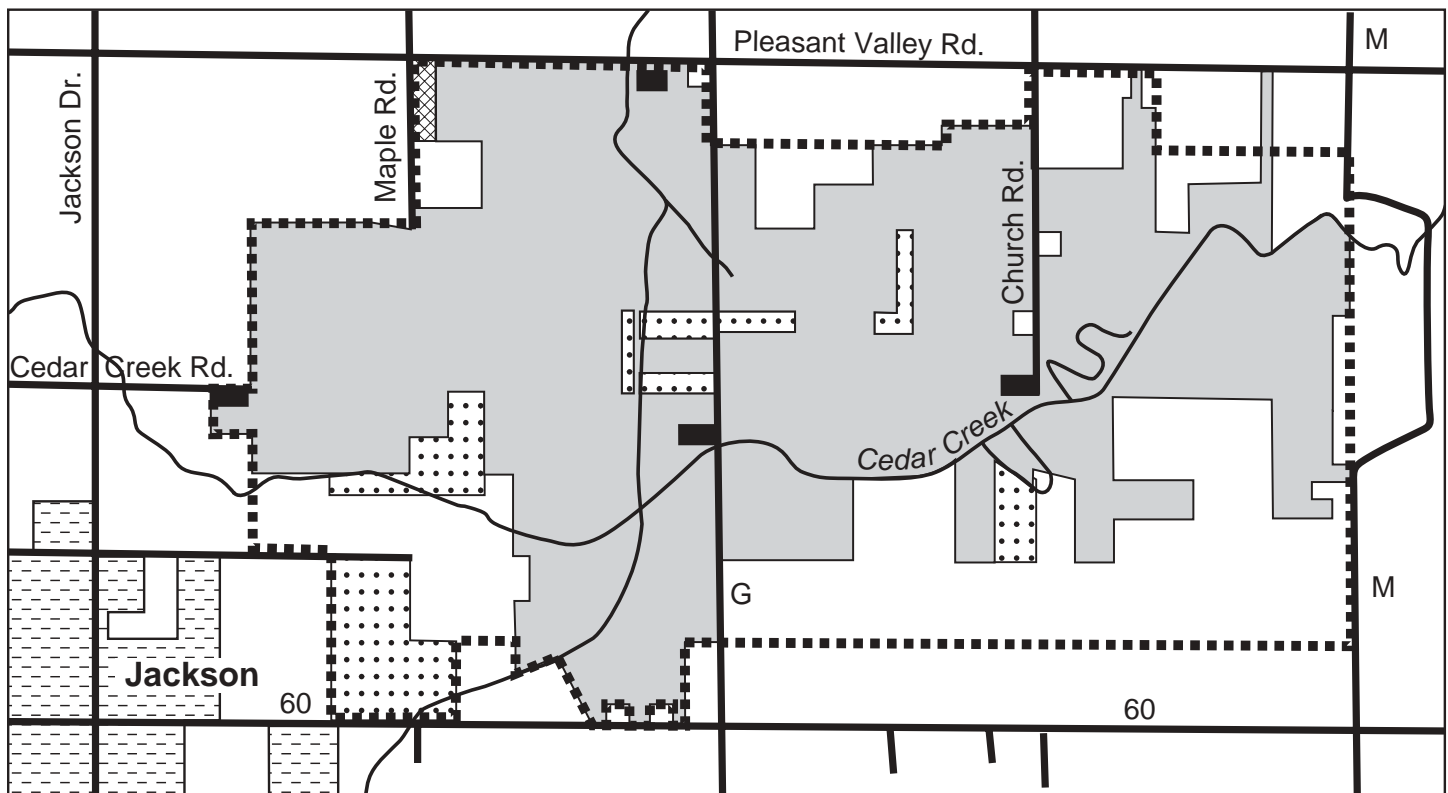
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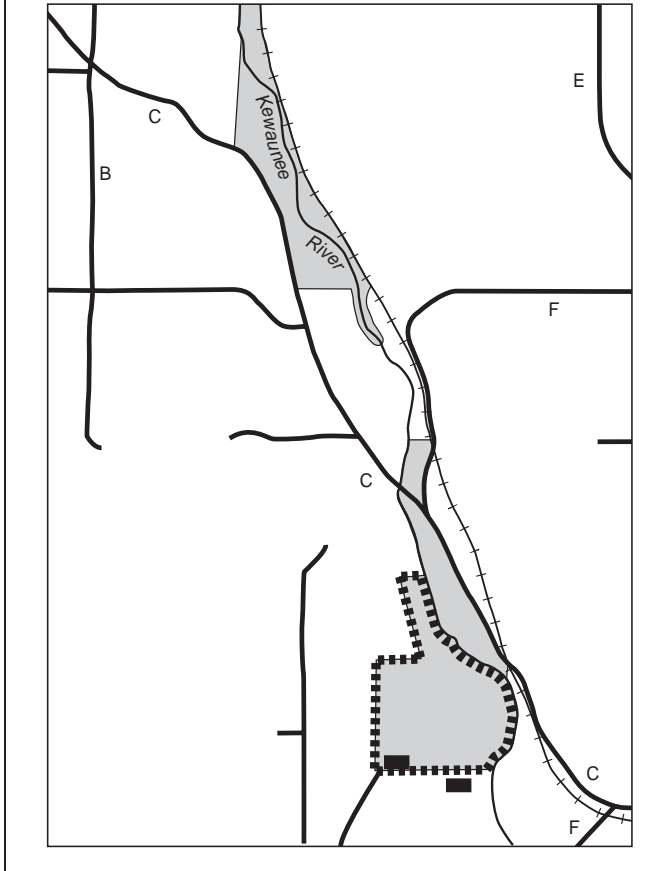
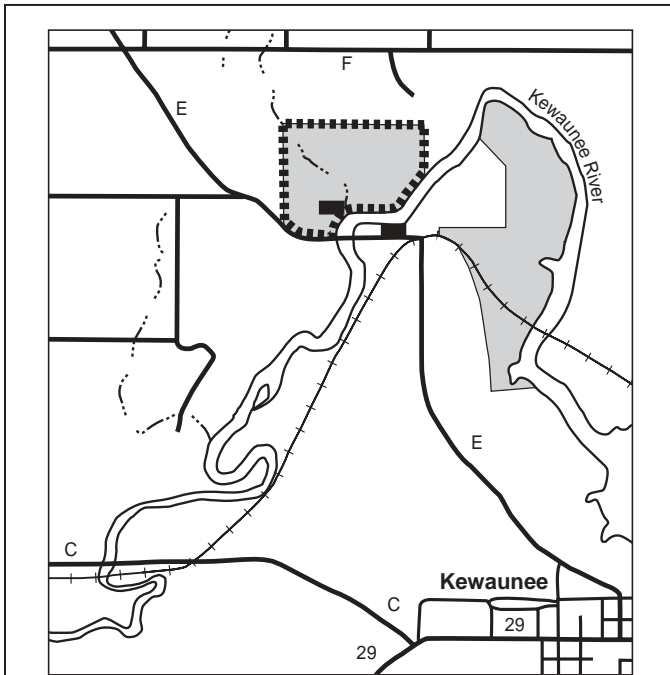
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Dodge County  
*Pheasant stamp required*

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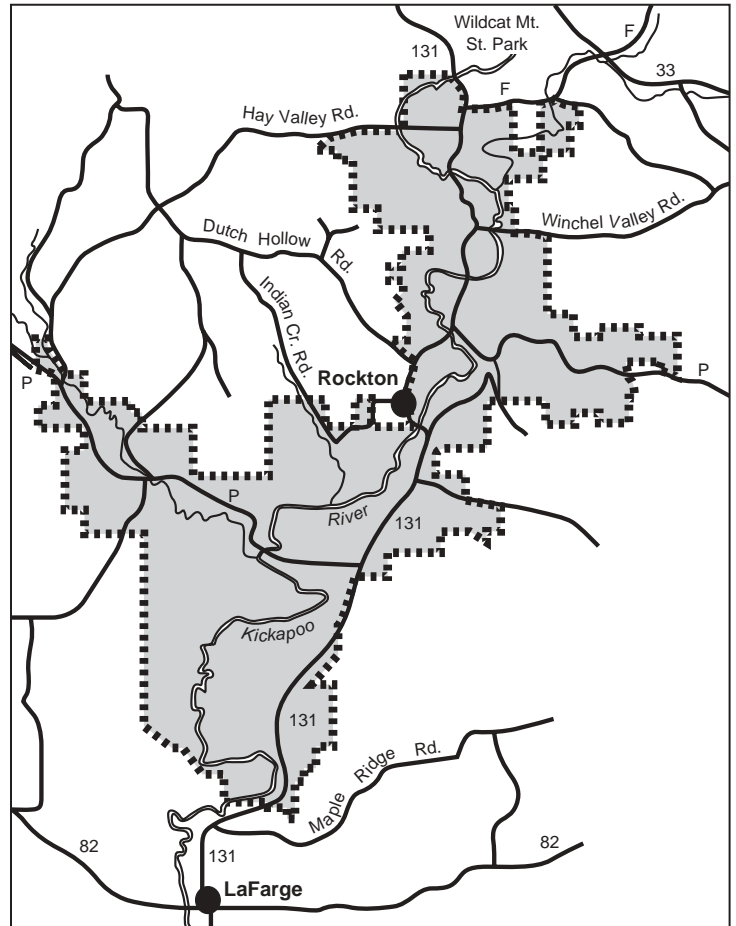
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Washington County  
*Pheasant stamp required*

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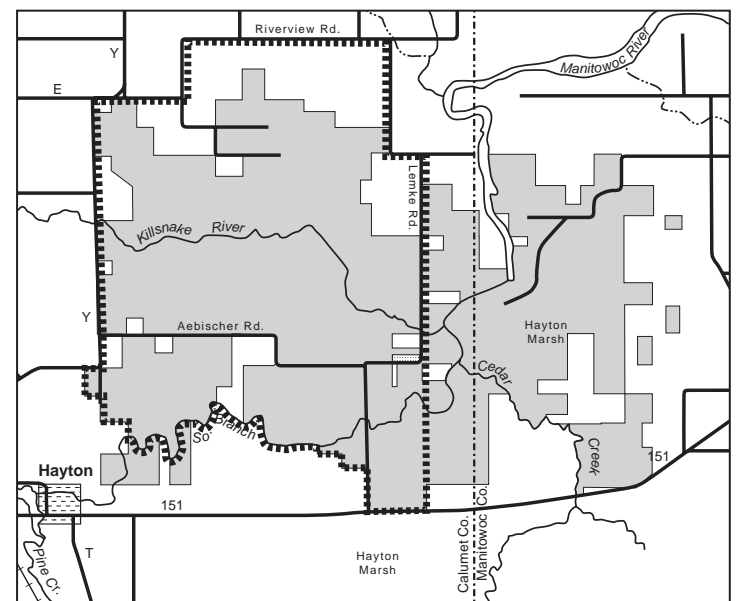
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C.D. "Buzz" Besadny  
Fish and Wildlife Area  
Kewaunee County

(Both)



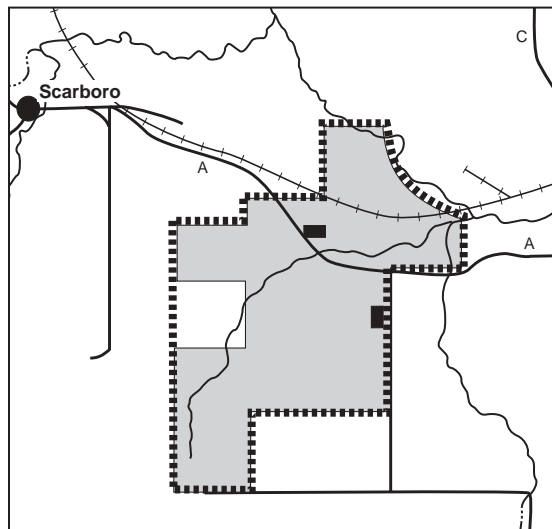
Kickapoo Valley Reserve  
Vernon County

(Permit)



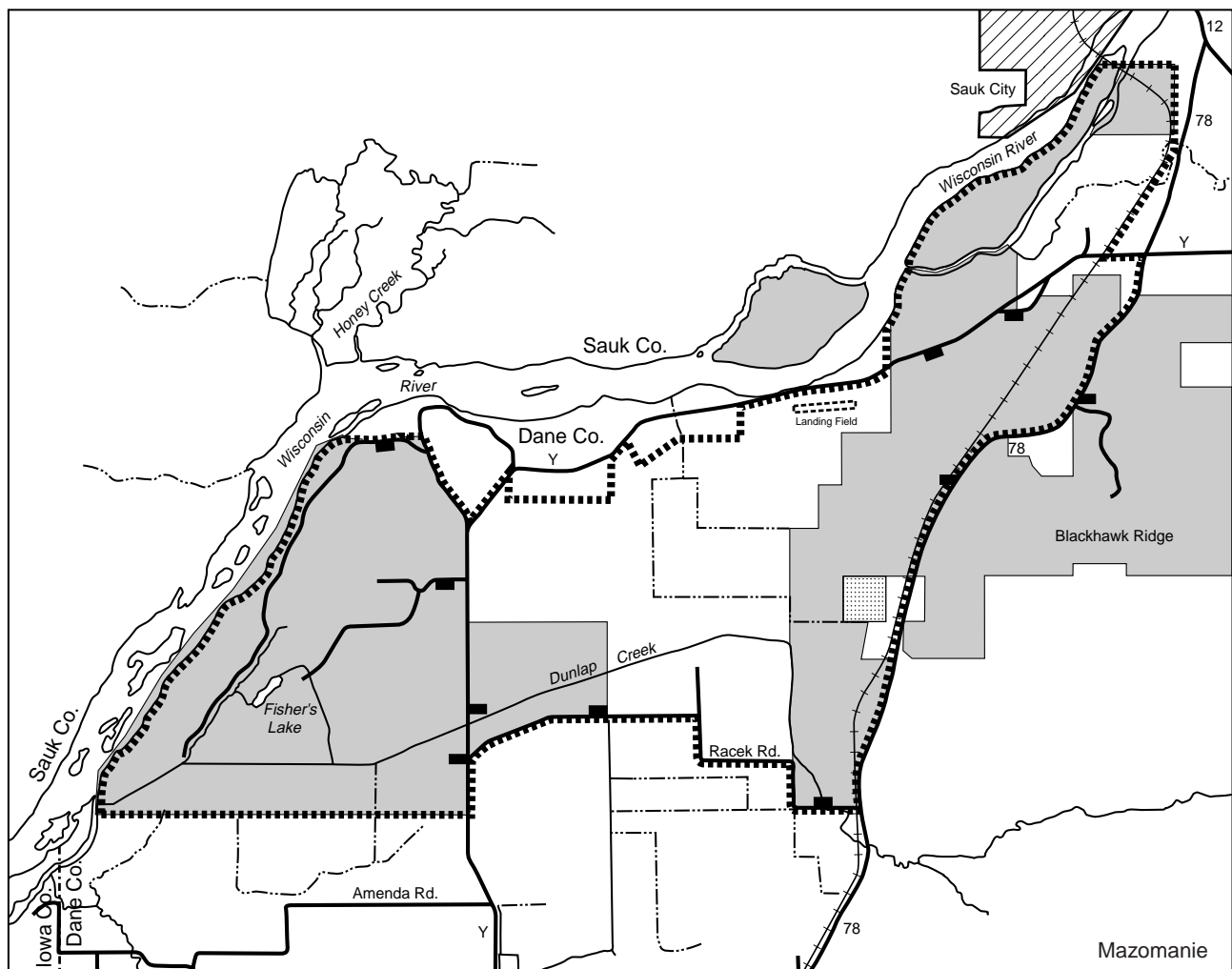
Killsnake Wildlife Area  
Calumet and Manitowoc Counties  
*Pheasant stamp required*

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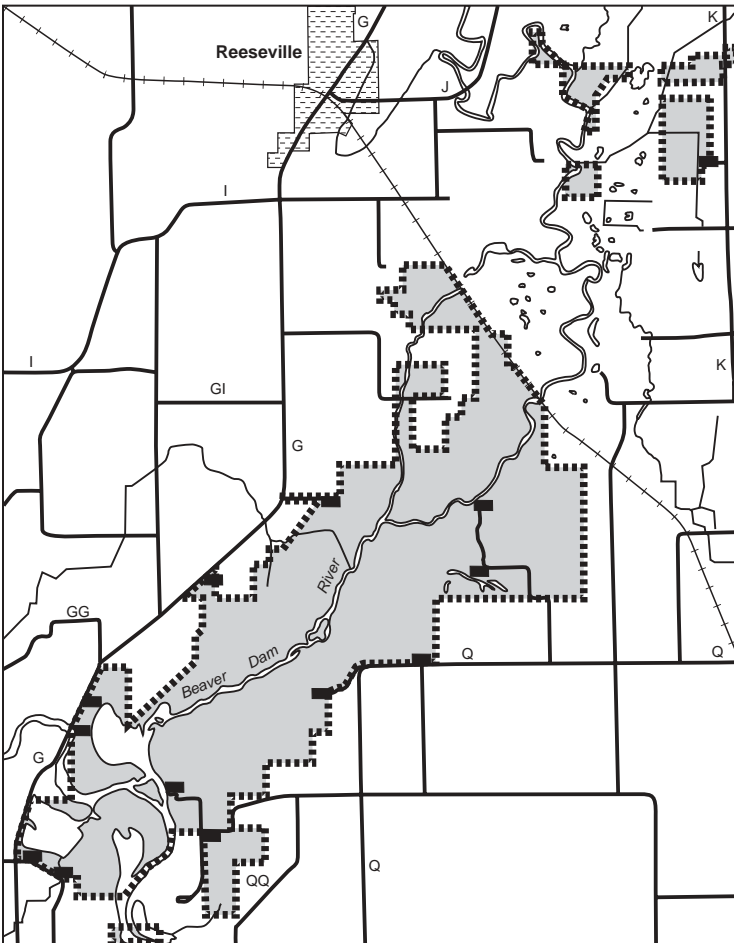


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Little Scarboro Unit  
C.D. "Buzz" Besadny  
Fish & Wildlife Area  
Kewaunee County (Both)

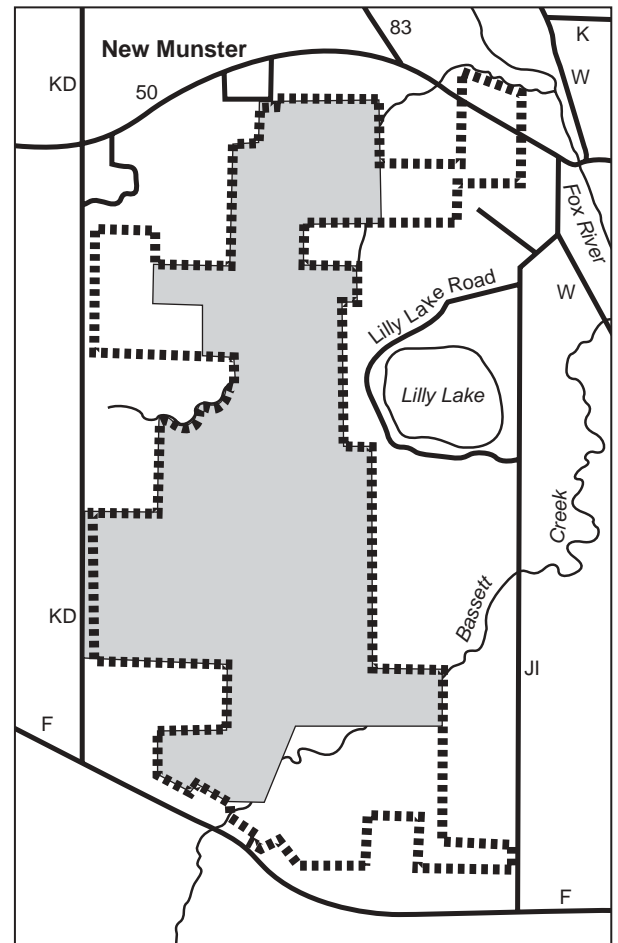


Mazomanie Wildlife Area Lower Wisconsin State Riverway  
Dane County (2 P.M.)  
*Pheasant stamp required*



Mud Lake Wildlife Area  
Dodge County  
*Pheasant stamp required*

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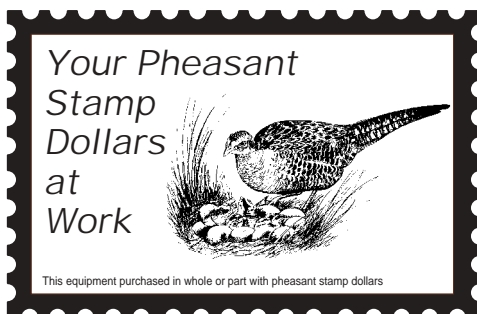


New Munster Wildlife Area  
Kenosha County  
*Pheasant stamp required*

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## Your Pheasant Stamp Dollars at Work

*Private Property*  
**Access by permission only**



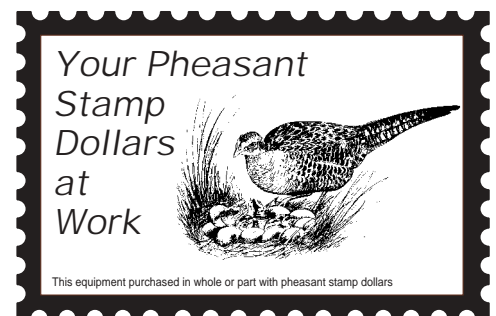
The habitat management at this site was funded in whole or part with pheasant stamp dollars

## Attention Hunters!








Look for these signs placed at many locations where pheasant stamp dollars were used to create habitat. Since pheasant stamp dollars can be used on both public and private land, be sure to get permission before entering any private land.

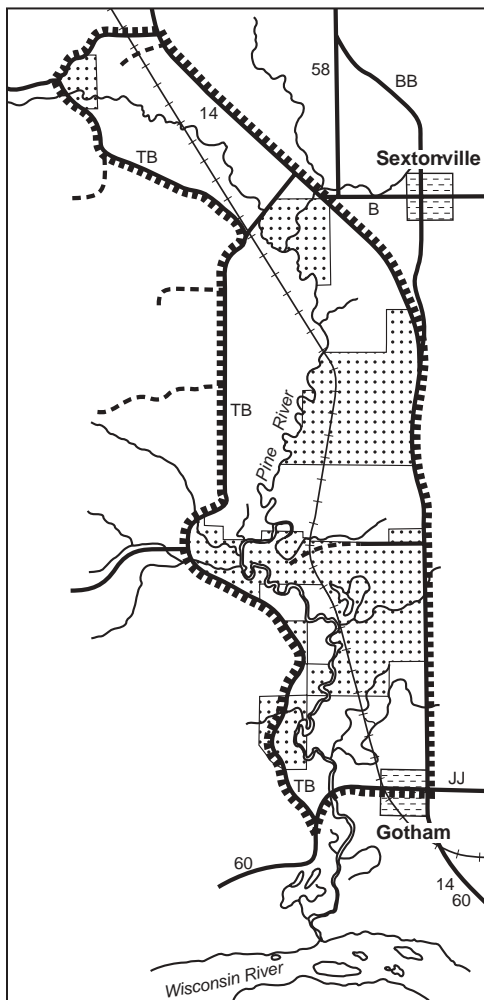
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***Public Property***



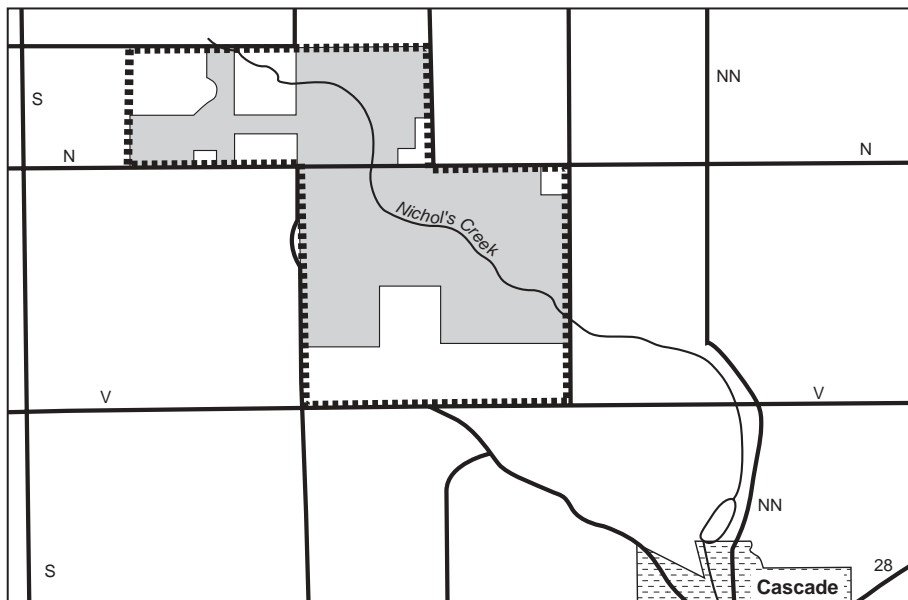
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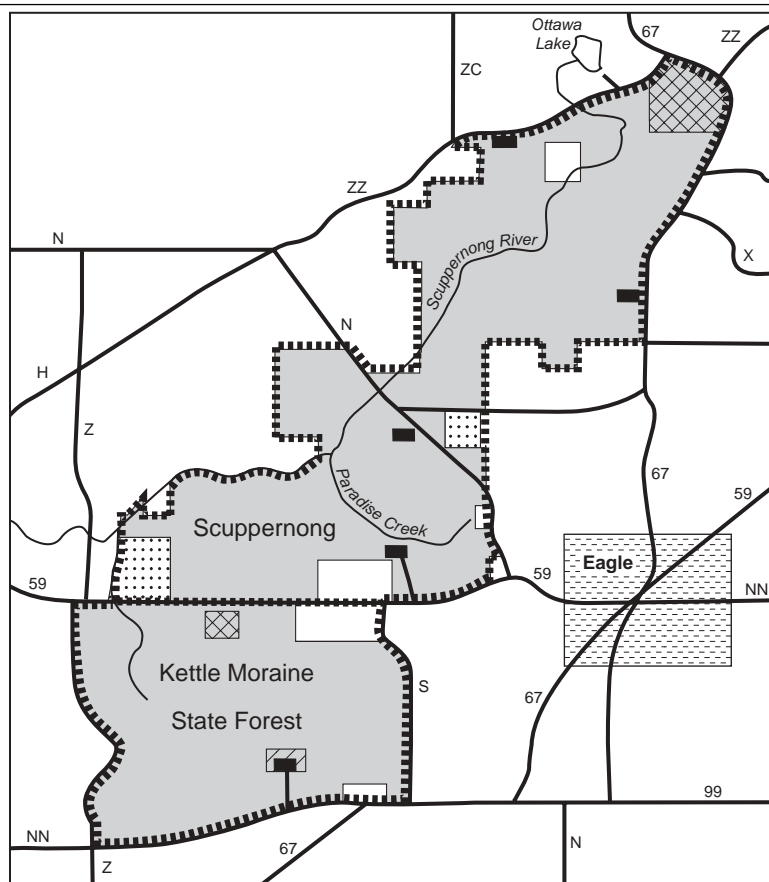
Pine River Public Hunting Grounds\*  
Richland County (Permit)

*\*Note: Many of the annual public hunting leases were not renewed this year. Please be aware of signs which identify areas open to public pheasant hunting. Also, the department will not be stocking pheasants on this property in 2004.*

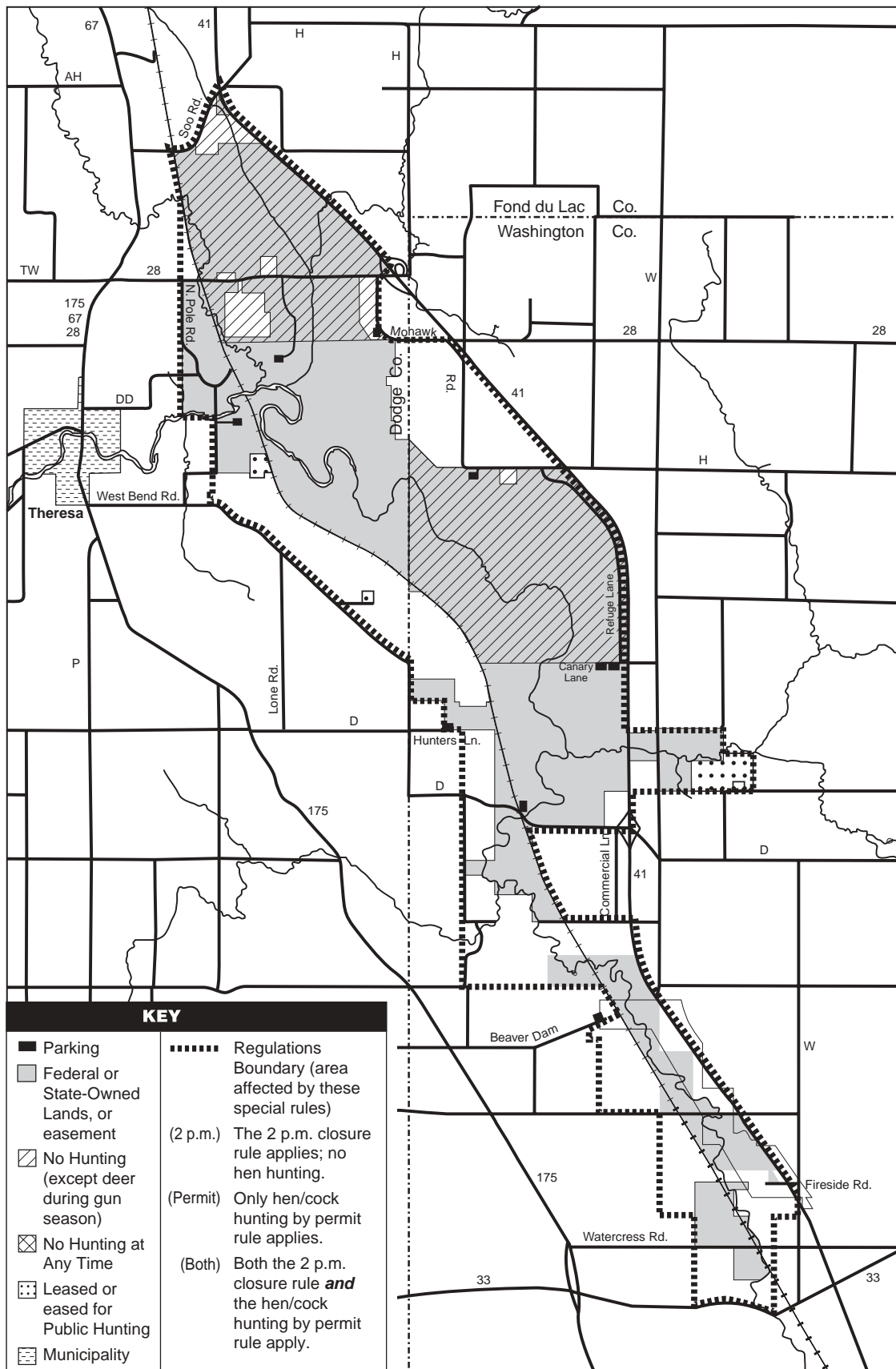


Nichol's Creek Wildlife Area  
Sheboygan County (2 P.M.)  
Pheasant stamp required

**Note:** The department will not be stocking pheasants on this property in 2004.

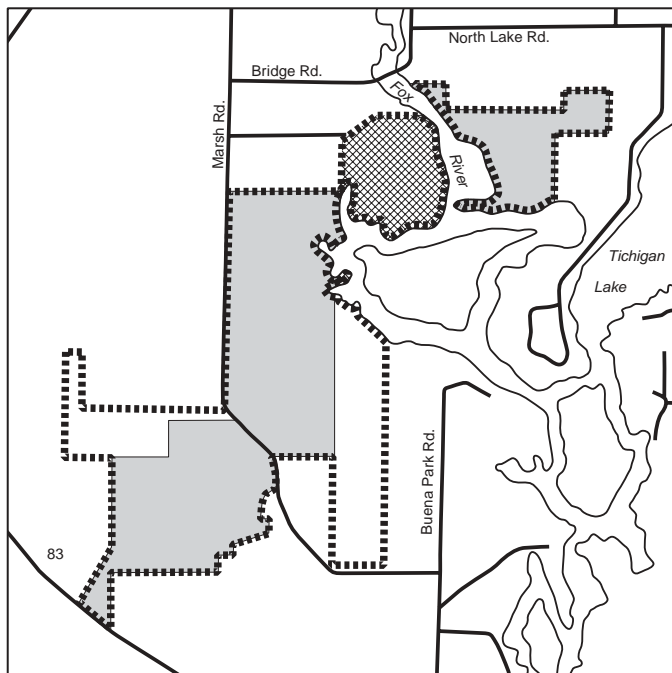


Scuppernong  
Waukesha County(Both)  
Kettle Moraine State Forest  
Waukesha County (Permit)



Theresa Wildlife Area  
Dodge and Washington Counties  
*Pheasant Stamp required*

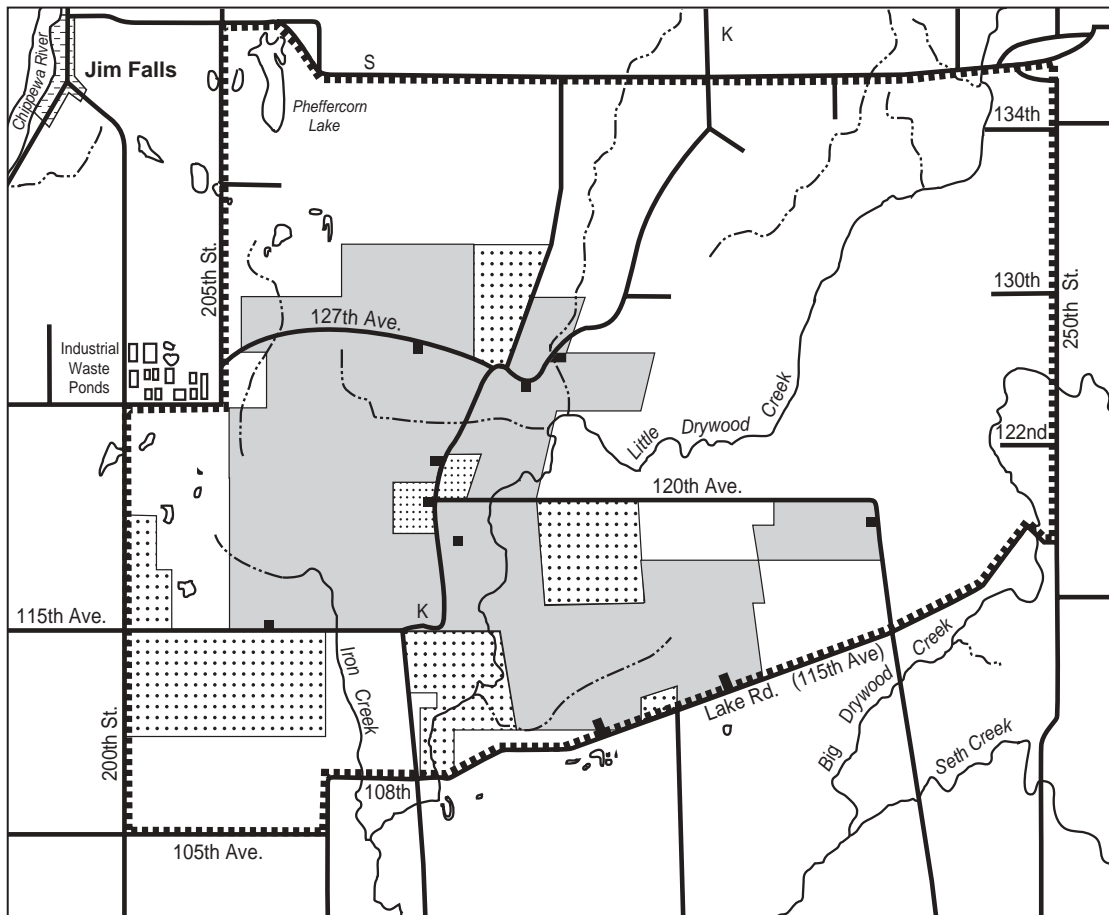
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Tichigan Wildlife Area  
Racine County  
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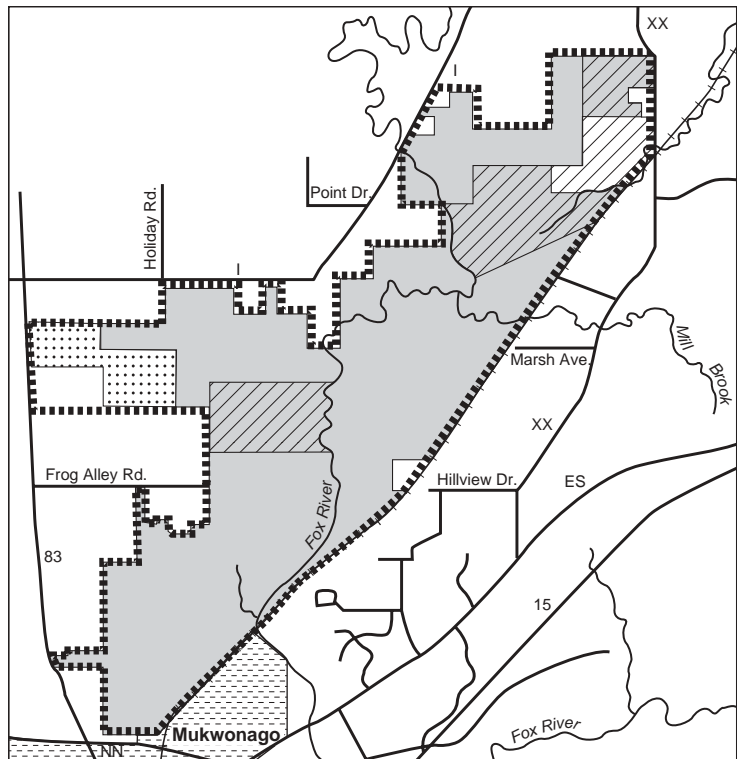


Tom Lawin Wildlife Area (formerly Jim Falls Wildlife Area)  
Chippewa County

(Permit)

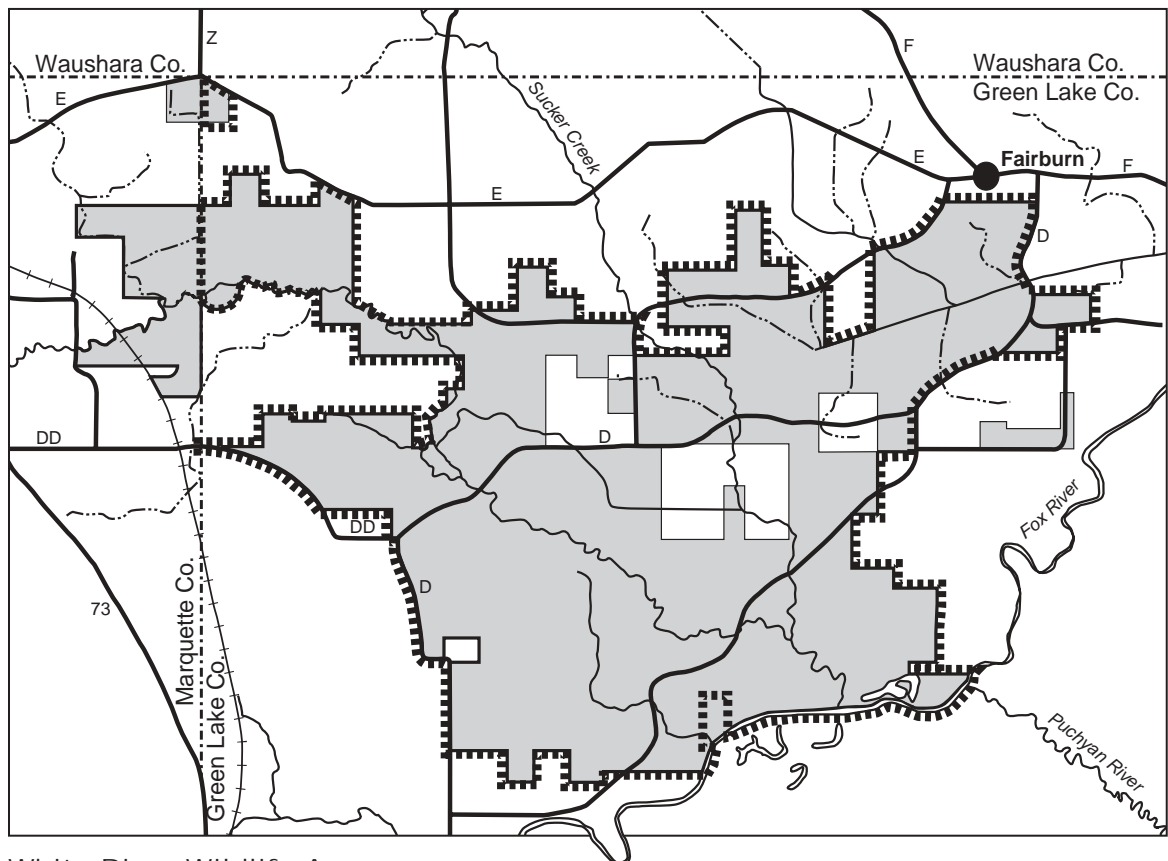
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**Keep your hunting grounds litter free by picking up trash before you leave.**



Vernon Wildlife Area  
Waukesha County

(Both)



White River Wildlife Area  
Green Lake and Marquette Counties  
*Pheasant stamp required*

(2 P.M.)

# Other Public Grounds DNR May Stock with Pheasants in 2004

Normal statewide pheasant hunting regulations apply

County	Wildlife Area	Pheasant Stamp Required
Calumet	Brillion	✓
Columbia	French Creek	✓
	Mud Lake	✓
	Pine Island	✓
Crawford	Bell Center	
Dane	Badfish Creek	✓
	Deansville	✓
	Hook Lake	✓
	Lodi Marsh	✓
Green	Albany	✓
Jackson	S. Beaver Creek	
Jefferson	Jefferson Marsh	✓
	Lake Mills	✓
	Prince's Point	✓❖
	Rome Pond	✓❖
	Waterloo	✓

County	Wildlife Area	Pheasant Stamp Required
Lafayette	Yellowstone	✓
Rock	Avon	✓
	Evansville	✓
	Footville	✓
	Lima	✓
	Storr's Lake	✓
Sheboygan	Adell	✓
	Kettle Moraine N.	✓
Walworth	Clover Valley	✓
	Kettle Moraine	✓
	Troy	✓

❖ These properties have an experimental 2:00 P.M. pheasant hunting closure time every Friday from October 18 – November 28.

## DNR Service Centers

Office hours may vary by location. Please call ahead.

**South Central Region (Fitchburg) ..... 608-275-3266**  
 Madison ..... 608-266-2621  
 Dodgeville ..... 608-935-3368  
 Horicon ..... 920-387-7860  
 Janesville ..... 608-743-4800  
 Poynette ..... 608-635-8110

**Southeast Region (Milwaukee) ..... 414-263-8500**  
 Plymouth ..... 920-892-8756  
 Sturtevant ..... 262-884-2300  
 Waukesha ..... 262-574-2100

**West Central Region (Eau Claire) ..... 715-839-3700**  
 Baldwin ..... 715-684-2914  
 Black River Falls ..... 715-284-1400  
 La Crosse ..... 608-785-9000  
 Wausau ..... 715-359-4522  
 Wisconsin Rapids ..... 715-421-7800

**Northern Region (Spooner) ..... 715-635-2101**  
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